

September 14, 2003

Gathering around God's Word

PRELUDE: "Concerto Grosso No. VIII" ADAGIO ALLEGRO G. F. Handel
(Christy Floyd, Organist; Carl Rohleder, Oboe)

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP

HYMNS OF PRAISE

"The Summons" No. 350

*"Spirit of the Living God" No. 492

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, our Lord, You came to save us, yet we continue to try to save ourselves. You taught a Way shaped by the cross, yet we look for our own directions. You showed us how to live for others, yet we live according to the ways of the world. Savior of the world, forgive us when we fail to proclaim You in thought, word or deed. Live in us, that we might walk in your Way, sharing You with others in all that we say and do. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "Glory Be to the Father" No. 734

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"..... No. 344

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-38 (page 41, pew Bible)

(8:30 a.m.) Terry Skeen; (11:00 a.m.) Tom Kirkland

SERMON: "What Good Is It?" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult" No. 345

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO: (8:30 a.m.) "As the Deer" Martin Nystrom

(Jordan Sledge, Soloist)

ANTHEM: (11:00 a.m.) In the Shadow of Your Wings" John Leavitt

(Carl Rohleder, Oboe)

Gracious God, be merciful, O my God, be merciful. My soul is crying out to you. My only refuge Lord is you, God most high. In the shadow of your wings, 'neath the shadow of your wings, my soul finds rest from my deep distress. My heart hides there till this darkness passes by. I cry to God on high whose purpose is fulfilled for me. He reaches down to save and reproaches him who threatens me. Gracious God, be merciful, O my God, be merciful. My soul finds love and truth in you. No other place of safety Lord but you. In the shadow of your wings I hide, O my God most high.

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(8:30 a.m.) Ellen Hinson; (11:00 a.m.) Sparky Hitchcock

Bearing God's Word into the World

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (verse 1)..... No. 574

POSTLUDE: "Rondo" G. F. Handel

Calendar and Announcements

- Today: 3:00 p.m. - Nursery/Preschool Workers social/training in the Parlor
- Handmaidens of the Lord at the home of Margaret Auten
- 5:13 p.m. - PYF at Shiki's Japanese Restaurant
- 6:30 p.m. - Weekday Preschool Committee in the Library
- 7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee in Room 313
- Commitment Committee in Room 300
- 7:30 p.m. - Finance Committee in the Session Room
- Witness and Service Committee in Room 315
- Worship Committee in Room 301

- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Council at the home of Debbie Church
- Boy Scout Troop 166
- Small Group "Breaking Free" with Liz Price
- 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study with Fred and Jean Coates

- Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon in the fellowship hall
- 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club
- 6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166
- 7:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee in the Library
- Women of the Word Circle (No. 5) at the home of Mary Fortanbary

- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. - Logos/Middle School Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Through the Bible Study at the home of Peggy Rogers
- 5:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Junior Troop 939
- 7:30 p.m. - Sisters-in-Christ Circle (No. 2) in the Parlor

- Friday: 9:30 a.m. - Saints Alive leave for Mabry Mill

- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Promise Keepers in the Library

Visitors : Welcome to First Presbyterian on this Lord's Day. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Vivian Combs by her family.

Please join us for lemonade and fellowship on the lawn immediately following worship.

Presbyterian Men invite all men, senior high age and up, to its monthly breakfast this morning at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The program will be by our own Gideon's Torch.

Nursery/Preschool Workers: All adult nursery workers and preschool church school teachers are invited to attend a training session and social this afternoon from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The training session will include basic health and safety information for preschoolers led by pediatrician Dr. Scott Burton of our congregation, along with security measures, check-in/check-out procedures, and important information for nursery workers and church school teachers.

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon will be held this Tuesday, September 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, this month's program will be *Queen Mary's Dollhouse*, a video tour of one of Britain's most beautiful mansions, in miniature. Please contact church hostess Jennifer Jordan (704-799-9422) if you are willing to help with luncheon preparation or clean-up this Tuesday.

Mwandi Hospital Invitation: Ms. Fiona Dixon-Thompson, project coordinator of the Mwandi Christian Hospital in Zambia, will speak at Thyatira Presbyterian Church of Salisbury this Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and hear her story.

Saints Alive trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Mabry Mill, a historic mill along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia, this Friday, September 19. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m., tour the mill and eat lunch on the Parkway before returning to Mooresville in the late afternoon. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in this trip.

12th Annual Life Walk: Please remember the Annual Life Walk on Saturday, September 20. This is a fundraiser to walk two miles to support the work of the Community Pregnancy Center of Mooresville. Sign up today in the Parlor.

Birth: Congratulations are extended to Marion and Carol McClure, 162 Nahcotta Drive, into whose home was born a son, Joshua Sawyer McClure, on September 9.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Vivian Combs who died September 6 Roger McGuffey and family in the death of his mother on September 9, and Ed Lewis and family in his brother's death on September 11.

Lay Renewal: Diane Harrington of our congregation is part of a team leading a lay renewal at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, Signal Mountain, TN, this weekend.

In Memoriam

Vivian McKoy Combs

January 25, 1909 – September 6, 2003

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13



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